

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

November 15, 2005  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Robert Maki, Surprise	*Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Reed Henry, ADOT	Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
*Martin Johnson, Chandler	*Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Mary Kihl, ASU
Sandy Adams, Glendale	Jennifer Brown, FHWA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Anne MacCracken for Teri Collins,
Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa	RPTA
County	*Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Larry Talley, Mesa	David Cowley, AAA Arizona
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	LaRetta Lehan for Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear	Tom Burch, AARP
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	*Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
George Williams for Paul Porell, City of	
Scottsdale	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Goutham L., City of Glendale	Karen King, FHWA
Tom Bruff, SEMCOG	Michael Briggs, MARC
Rudy Umbs, FHWA	Chuck Niessner, TRB/NCHRP
Susan Herbel, Cambridge Systematics	Fred Abousleman, NARC
Rosemarie Anderson, DVRPC	Doug McCants, PBS&J
Nathan Banks, FHWA	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Margie Sheriff, FHWA	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Karla Petty, FHWA	

\* Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Robert Maki called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Approval of September 20, 2005 Meeting Minutes  
Jennifer Brown moved and Mike Lockhart seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2005 meeting minutes.
3. Call to Audience  
Chairman Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the

public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. Chairman Bob Maki added that Blue Crowley called Program Manager at MAG to put his comment on record that all agencies should give importance to pedestrians and bicyclist and use paint as weapon to indicate delineations and lane restrictions on pavement.

4. Program Managers Report

The following is a summary of the report provided by Program Manager, Sarath Joshua:

- i. FHWA/AASHTP/NCHRP sponsored Safety Peer Exchange Meeting Nov. 16- 17, 2005.
- ii. On Call RFQ – Safety Projects
- iii. Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System (RTSIMS) - Brief Overview of the project.
- iv. 2006 Meeting Schedule – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every other month starting January 2006.

5. MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and Discussion with other Agencies

Chairman Maki made a statement appreciating the committee members and MAG staff for the successful completion of and approval of MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. He delivered a brief overview of the Plan to committee.

6. SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization and Safety Funding

Sarath Joshua introduced Fred Abousleman, Transportation Director for National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). Mr. Abousleman provided a brief overview of SAFETEA-LU and Safety Funding. He also briefed the committee on NARC and its activities in Washington DC. He mentioned that the Highway Safety Improvement Program is the main funding source for Safety Programs in State as well as for MPO's. He also stated that FHWA and various other agencies are working on rule making and guidance on SAFETEA- LU. The level of funding is continuing at levels for FY 2005. He also mentioned other programs like Highways for Life that covers rural roads and the Safe Routes to Schools to improve school safety. The HSIP funding appropriations will depend on mainly on lane-miles, vehicle miles traveled and fatalities and commented that this is still in discussion phase. Sarath Joshua asked if the lane-miles include roads other than state owned roads. Rudy Umbs from FHWA replied that lane-miles include all federal aid roads. Mr. Tom Bruff from SEMCOG, and Ms. Rosemarie Anderson from DVRPC provided brief updates to the committee on activities in their regions.

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Chairman Maki welcomed Kelly LaRosa as a representative of Avondale and also mentioned that Jamal Rahimi will be part of committee as Peoria's representative. Kelly LaRosa expressed her appreciation to the committee and MAG staff for successful completion of Plan. She informed the committee that City of Avondale is working on citywide transportation plan that includes various facilities like truck routes, bike lanes etc. Sandy Adams updated the committee about Safety Activities in Glendale such as the Safe Routes to School program, Bus buddy program. David Crowley reported that AAA activities included producing School Crossing Guard handbook with the help of the City of Phoenix. AA has produced a senior mobility CD for senior citizens named Roadwise -- a review that helps

senior citizens in their own privacy to review their driving skills. Jennifer Brown from FHWA told the committee that FHWA has loaned a position to GOHS and Karla Petty will be the engineering link between GOHS and various local governments. She also updated the committee on activities at the GTSAC. Reed Henry told the committee about the efforts of ADOT and Crash Data Users group to identify issues with ALISS database and provide input to Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and Subcommittee for GTSAC. ADOT is also sponsoring the Road Safety Audits subcommittee for GTSAC. Larry Talley reported that Mesa recently completed exhaustive study of bicycle and pedestrian crashes on streets, also added that Mesa are going from 13 red light cameras to 30 red light cameras. Kerry Wilcoxon updated committee about various safety programs in Phoenix including planning the installation of infrastructure for Red light cameras along Light Rail corridors in Phoenix. Bob Maki updated committee about the incident management program in Surprise and the acquisition of incident management trucks from the county. Mary Kihl reported that they are working on evaluation of effectiveness various safety programs like Safe Routes to School, Elderly Mobility and Safety Issues. Peggy Rubach updated the Committee that the County is working on updating Transportation System Plan. Tom Burch reported to the committee about the attendance numbers for various AARP activities. AARP Driver Safety Program course has been totally renovated which includes nice to know material as well as need to know information, which will be the prime focus. The other program AARP is working on is the distance learning program via computer. George Williams from city of Scottsdale reported that Scottsdale is installing speed cameras on Scottsdale's Loop 101 freeway segment to reduced speeding and improve safety as a part of 9-month pilot project. He mentioned that they have also begun carrying out School Safety Audits to improve school safety. He also reported that Scottsdale recently finished the 2004 crash report to identify the top crash locations. Scott Nodes reported that Goodyear is working with various schools to launch a Safe Routes to School program as an initial step. He is planning on having it for all public schools and later move to charter and private schools. He reported that most NASCAR traffic goes through Goodyear and he could work with neighboring cities to host and have a successful event. He also reported that he will interviewing for Traffic Engineer II position. Bruce Ward reported on Gilbert, which is one of the fastest growing towns in valley and various safety programs in Gilbert. Mike Lockhart reported on the planned expansion of Freeway Service Patrol program in future years, which minimizes secondary crashes and reduces freeway congestion. LaRetta Lehan from GOHS reported that the Holiday DUI task forces would start enforcement from next Tuesday that would run from Thanksgiving until New Year. It would also include a media campaign. GOHS also carried out buckle up campaign with NASCAR. GOHS also hosted a Safety Booth at Arizona State fair.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2006 at 10.00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Bob Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM